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DEBATING MONEY

Silver Coinage Discussed at a Public Gathering.

QUESTIONS FROM A SILVER MAN

An Address for Sound Dollars by Mr. W. W. Curry.

MONEY AND PRICES

An interesting discussion of the financial question occurred last night at Typographical Hall, under the auspices of Excelsior Assembly, No. 29, K. of L. The main participants were Mr. E. C. Phelps, in behalf of silver coinage, who, as explained by Chairman E. M. Blake, is "a per diem wage worker and has always held rank among the toilers." The part of the discussion was sustained by Mr. W. W. Curry of Indiana, who was introduced by Mr. Blake as possessing "a national reputation, and being honest and sincere in his convictions."

"We have discussed the financial question among ourselves for years," said Chairman Blake, "and our membership is practically a unit in favor of silver. While we are not in any danger of being a champion of silver, we are forced to go outside of our membership to find a supporter of the gold standard."

"As I look over this audience," said Mr. Phelps, "I do not see the faces of anarchists, revolutionists or speculators. I see intelligent faces, faces of men and women who think for themselves. Speaking of anarchists, I heard that John Most, the chief of all anarchists, had declared for gold. I felt our prop had gone from us. When Bourke Cockran, the man who was born in a foreign country, who is not of us, and who never earned a dollar in his life, denounced us, I feared the result. But when Willie—our own Willie Breckinridge—denied democracy, then I felt there were three of a kind. John Most, Bourke Cockran and Willie Breckinridge, and that we were not missting."

"I declare that money is a national institution, created by the government for the use of the people. Money is a manufactured commodity, made by machinery. Money measures commodities and commodities measure money. If we are benefited by high money, 'dear money,' who has money to sell, just the same as high prices of wheat benefit the man who has wheat to sell. Shrinkage in values means losses, lessens bank bankruptcies, bankruptcies mean chaos and unemployed men."

Mr. Phelps' Questions.
"Now, will you close my opening remarks by proposing to the gold advocate a few questions, which I hope he will answer."

"Has gold or money gone up, and, if so, would an expansion of money or circulation revive trade?"

"Can the price of labor be kept up with the price of the products of labor going down?"

"If, by opening our mints to silver, we would drop to the basis, that is, the dollar would be worth more than it is, would the substance of which it is made, how are the owners of the substance, the 'silver barons,' to make 48 cents on every dollar?"

"Was it the increased production of silver that caused it to fall in value?"

"If the bankers could get a flood of foreign silver by adopting free coinage, and, if so, what harm could come to us?"

"Did the coinage act of 1792 operate so that silver kept going from the mints and drove it from circulation, as is claimed? Or did the coinage act of 1837 drive silver out of circulation, and if so, why?"

"Would it be a violation of faith or repudiation to pay the public debt in silver if we so elect, and if so, would it be repudiation any time since 1879 to have so paid the debt?"

"If the bankers could so easily prevent the bond issue which seemed imminent a few days ago, could they not prevent the same thing now? Can't they force another as soon as they like, and are you in favor of perpetuating a system

which makes such a thing possible? If you are not, what is your remedy?"

Mr. Curry Against Free Coinage.

When Mr. Phelps concluded, Mr. W. W. Curry was introduced. His appearance was greeted with applause. He said there was some misunderstanding about his presence there. He certainly did not expect to have a set of questions that he had never been before propounded to him. He was answered on the spot. Mr. Curry then began to read a treatise upon money.

As Mr. Curry proceeded, Mr. Phelps interrupted at intervals by the audience, who dissembled from his statements or contrary assertions until it became necessary for the chairman to interpose. It finally developed that there was a misstatement of figures, and when Mr. Curry corrected these figures the audience quieted down.

Mr. Curry gave a comprehensive review of the history of money, his argument leaning toward the gold standard. He said the gold coin, whether the eagle, the sovereign or the Napoleon, was worth a fixed relative sum throughout the world by its intrinsic merit, and that the stamp of the government upon it was but a certain relative sum throughout the world. Coming down to the weight and fineness, the United States shall open its mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, he asserted it emphatically. He said that the present is \$100,000,000 and that the increase to \$200,000,000 it would cost the government \$500,000 a year to coin it. In other words, the capacity of the mints at present is \$100,000,000 and that the increase to \$200,000,000 it would cost the government \$500,000 a year to coin it. In other words, the capacity of the mints at present is \$100,000,000 and that the increase to \$200,000,000 it would cost the government \$500,000 a year to coin it.

He said it would be the free coinage of silver would benefit the silver man, but it would not benefit the gold man. He said that the United States did without silver entirely. He would have no silver in the country without iron for that term without relapsing into barbarism.

Sixteen to One.
He also asserted that the United States should not coin silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. He said that the ratio of the two metals in the markets of the world. Why allow the owners of the bullion, whether mine owners or speculators, to have 68 cents' worth of silver coined into standard dollars and make legal tender for 100 cents? Beside paying \$1 1/2 for the coinage, they are asked to add a profit of 32 cents on every dollar we manufacture for them.

He said that the free coinage of silver by the United States will advance the price of silver to 16 to 1, I answer that that is not the case. He said that the foundation in fact, but he admitted that for the sake of argument. To whom would the profit of this increase go? In order to increase the value of the silver, we would have to increase the value of the gold. That is generous, but it is not business."

What Is Wanted.
He denied the assumption that the free coinage would give immediate relief to financial troubles. Is there any lack of silver money for any of the purposes of business? Suppose there was twice as much silver coined and stored as there is now, would the people be any better off? Not a whit, he insisted.

It is not the want of silver coin, but the want of business activity, of investment in industrial enterprise, that causes the trouble. What is wanted is work and wages, manufactures and commerce. Not more silver blood in the arteries of trade, but a more abundant flow of our vast volume of gold and paper money. Suppose the mints were opened to free coinage. The government does not get the silver. It is the silver in the hands of the owners of the silver. The bond issue in three years amounted to \$128,886,000. The interest will be \$34,778,480. So the public debt will be \$163,664,480. There is a public debt, with interest, of \$163,664,480. The free silver man says the debt was created to maintain the gold standard. Not so. It was created to pay current expenses and make up the deficiency revenue; second, it was created in order to sustain the value of the dollar with gold. For thirteen years there was no trouble in carrying the greenbacks and keep up gold, the reserve, but constantly piling up depreciating silver coin; constantly issuing notes to buy more silver for coinage, a falling market issuing more silver certificates to be kept at parity with the gold. The government drew the treasury to the point where it was compelled to issue bonds to buy gold or let the whole silver currency collapse. To do more silver to this already over-

burdened treasury would only end in bankruptcy.

More Silver Than Other Nations.
"We are told that gold monometallism has locked fast prosperity in a paralysis of prices and restored prosperity is now adopted free coin. No! We now have more silver than any other nation except India and China, and it has not increased prices nor preserved prosperity."

Mr. Curry said that the true United States can levy a prohibitive duty on foreign silver brought to this country, but that would not be free coinage. To propose to limit coinage in this manner was to abandon the whole ground of controversy. This government should not adopt the free coinage of silver, because it is not rich and powerful enough to assume the dictatorship of the world. It would be an attempt to carry the silver of the world at 16 to 1 when it is commercially worth only 30 to 1.

Mr. Phelps Closes.
Mr. Phelps closed the argument. He said that money is not a commodity unless it has the force of law behind it. The crucial test is whether the owner can make his conditions take it. Referring to the statement so often advanced as to the danger of this country retrograding among the nations of the world if the silver basis was adopted, Mr. Phelps said: "Not much. If that were the case, however, it could be just as easily remedied as we are likely to be Egyptianized or Italianized by the gold standard." Mr. Phelps said that the money in circulation in India and China is not worth the silver in circulation in this country, and that being the case, who will bring it to this country for coinage when it would involve a loss on every ounce of silver? He said that the money in circulation in India and China is not worth the silver in circulation in this country, and that being the case, who will bring it to this country for coinage when it would involve a loss on every ounce of silver?

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The fourteen men who will go to Sea Girt, constituting the brigade team party, as finally selected, are Private S. I. Scott, Private S. B. Wetherill, Sergt. C. W. Dickey, Private George Cook, Capt. J. M. Pollard, Corporal Maurer, Private B. N. Wells, Lieut. J. L. Laird, Capt. James E. Bell, Private E. W. Scott, Private G. W. Albert, Lieut. A. O. Hutterly, Lieut. F. L. Graham, Corporal M. T. Torrey, George M. Layford, and the shooting twelve, the board of alternates. Of course, Maj. Harries will take the team, while, as has been the case for several years, the board of alternates.

The catalogue of Howard University issued for '95-96 announces some important changes in both faculty and the courses. A new feature in the theological department is the establishment of a course of lectures on pastoral work. Those who will lecture are Rev. T. S. Hamlin, D. D.; Rev. B. D. Moore, D. D.; Rev. P. D. Rev. S. H. Greene, D. D.; Rev. S. M. Newman, D. D.; and Rev. Alexander Crummell, D. D. Prof. Robert B. Warder, A. M., has been appointed instructor in missions in this department.

In the preparatory department Prof. Lewis B. Moore, A. M., has been appointed instructor in mathematics, English and history, to succeed Prof. Clement L. Brumfield, A. M. In the normal department Miss Mary L. Jones has been added to the list of instructors. She will teach United States history and English grammar. The board of hall committee has also been entirely reorganized. It consists of President Rankin, Prof. B. D. Moore, and Mr. S. Foster as secretary and treasurer. Miss Torrey, who so successfully filled the position of matron last year, will hold the same office this year.

Two new courses have been added in the department of medicine, those of histology and embryology. The department of anatomy and physiology, under the direction of Dr. Charles L. West, has also been reorganized. Dr. Charles L. West has also been appointed instructor in anatomy. Among the many recent improvements made at the Freedman's Hospital by Dr. William L. Garrison, the new building, with all facilities for rapid ambulance service. This change is a great improvement for the hospital, and it is hoped that from the time the call bell sounds the ambulance is in readiness to start. Several new study rooms have also been fitted up for the classes of training.

Columbian University.
Improvements are now being made by the Columbian Medical School. Dr. Shute has recently expended upward of twelve hundred dollars for microscopic and anatomical apparatus of the most improved style for the pathological laboratory.

Dr. W. L. Garrison has been appointed curator of the museum. Columbian has also added several new courses in her medical school. Dr. Foster will introduce a course of diseases of the brain. Dr. J. W. Bovee will be professor of clinical gynecology and Dr. Randolph B. Garrison will be professor of obstetrics.

Rev. Edward P. Pollard, D. D., Ph. D., who has been appointed to succeed Prof. George Smith in the department of English literature, is now studying in the order to fit himself more adequately for his new position, the duties of which he will assume on the opening